



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 561**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5244

*House of Representatives, April 18, 2018*

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. TONG of the 147th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY BEST PRACTICES TO ENSURE A CONSERVED PERSON'S RIGHT TO INTERACT WITH OTHERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1      Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2      to study how best to ensure the rights of a person under  
3      conservatorship, as defined in section 45a-656b of the general statutes,  
4      to interact with others. Such study shall include, but need not be  
5      limited to, an examination of the least restrictive means to ensure such  
6      person may maintain relationships with family members and others  
7      while taking into account the safety of such person and minimizing  
8      burdens on a conservator of the person, as defined in section 45a-644  
9      of the general statutes.

10      (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

11      (1) Two members of a legal services organization whose members  
12      represent persons under conservatorship, appointed by the speaker of

13 the House of Representatives;

14 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one  
15 of whom represents a conserved person and one of whom is a  
16 conservator of the person;

17 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
18 Representatives;

19 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

20 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
21 Representatives;

22 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

23 (7) The Probate Court Administrator, or the Probate Court  
24 Administrator's designee.

25 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (3),  
26 (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the  
27 General Assembly.

28 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
29 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
30 filled by the appointing authority.

31 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
32 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
33 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
34 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
35 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

36 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
37 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging shall  
38 serve as administrative staff of the task force.

39 (g) Not later than December 1, 2018, the task force shall submit a  
40 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing

41 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
42 relating to aging and the judiciary, in accordance with the provisions  
43 of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate  
44 on the date that it submits such report or December 1, 2018, whichever  
45 is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**AGE**      *Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*      JUD

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill establishes a task force to study how best to ensure the rights of a person under conservatorship. The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations to the judiciary committee by December 1, 2018.

This bill has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference - JUD

Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/15/2018)

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 40 Nay 0 (04/03/2018)